Glossary of Terms

A

Activate Conditional Order

A user can enter an order with an attached condition (e.g. if temp > 100) and the order will be placed with a status "available for activation". Once the condition is met, the user has the ability to "activate" the order. When a condition placed on an order when it was submitted has been met, the order is processed using this function.

ADT

Admission, Discharge and Transfer

B

BSA

Body surface area

C

Conditional Order

A user can enter an order with an attached condition (e.g. if temp > 100) and the order will be placed with a status "available for activation".

CPOE

Computerized Prescriber Order Entry

CPRI

Computer-based Patient Record Institute. Their website is cpri-host.org

CPT

Current Procedural Terminology

CRIS

Clinical Research Information System.

D

DICOM

Digital Imaging and Communications in Medicine (standards organization)

Discontinue/Cancel Order

Allows a user to discontinue one or more orders that were appropriate for a time, but no longer are. Also allows a user to cancel orders that were entered in error.

E

Eclipsys

Vendor of Sunrise™ Clinical Manager (SCM) which is the CRIS application

G

GUI

Graphical user interface. The GUI allows the user to interact with the associated software program and generally consists of pictorial components such as icons, menus, toolbars, etc.

H

HIMSS

Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society Their web site is www.himss.org

HIPAA

Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act

HIS

Hospital Information System

HL-7

Health Level Seven (standards organization). Their web site is www.hl7.org

Hold Order

Physicians can enter orders in advance of the patient's admission or outpatient visit. These orders are entered in the "Future Outpt/Pre-Admit" session type and are on hold in CRIS. The orders must be released when the patient is admitted or arrives in the outpatient setting. The orders then become active.

I

ICD

International Classification of Disease

ITIWG

Information Technology Infrastructure Working Group

J

JRP

Joint Requirement Planning

L

LIS

Laboratory Information System

LTD

Live Test Demonstration

M

Mark as Done

Items on the worklist are "marked as done" by the user when the medication is administered, the patient has returned from pass or is discharged and/or the patient has been transferred. This marks the task as performed. This is in contrast to item status updated to "performed" or "results received" by an interface message, such as lab test.

MIS

Medical Information System

Modify Order

This function is used to add dispensing information to an order. No other modifications are allowed in the system. Users should discontinue and reorder as needed.

MSHISM

Maryland Society of Healthcare Information Systems Management (Maryland chapter of HIMSS). Their website is www.mshism.org

N

NCA-HIMSS

National Capital Area HIMSS chapter. Their website is www.himss-nca.org

O

Organizational Process

One of a set of named standard processes identified by the Clinical Center or Institute organization.

P

PACS

Picture Archiving & Communication System

PAM

Project Advisory Meeting

PMT

Project Management Team

Process

Defined sequence of activities performed by people or organizations acting in defined roles to achieve a specified end goal, service, or product.

Process Change Options

In the CRIS Core Process Integration Methodology, change decisions are arrived at only after involving stakeholders in a discussion of possible ways of resolving a group of process issues. This serves several purposes:
- The user view of the issue is usually the most accurate from the standpoint of understanding difficulties in changing work practices
- Users are in the best position to create minimum impact solutions when change is inevitable
- Building on concepts which users have helped to develop improves the likelihood that changes will be accepted

Process Issue

Situation that results from implementing some aspect of new CRIS Core functionality requiring a change to a work practice (process change).

Process Issue Resolution

Identifying and taking the necessary steps to ensure that changes in work practices necessitated by implementing CRIS functionality are accomplished with minimum risk to organizational effectiveness. Resolution steps may include obtaining approval of appropriate governance bodies, developing training in new work practices, communicating change expectations to affected groups, developing on-line assistance tools, revising standard policies and procedures, and briefing managers and users. In some cases, resolution may involve changing previous design decisions to accommodate operating practices for reasons of patient safety, regulatory compliance, or operational efficiency.

R

Release Hold Orders

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Reorder

Allows for renewal/reorder of existing order with existing requestor or new requestor and ability to modify order parameters at this time, if necessary.

RIS

Radiology Information System

S

Signing Orders

Prescriber signs new orders entered on his/her behalf.

Suspend Order

Removes the orders from active status due to status change of patient (e.g. an active order that should be stopped when the patient goes on pass). An example would be all orders for a patient may be suspended while the patient is in OR, and later unsuspended when the patient returns to the nursing unit.